

BRIGADIER ROB WEIGHILL (DCG CPATT)



Brigadier Weighill joined the British Army in 1981 and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in May 1982. After his young officers' artillery course he was posted to Münster in Germany and served in an M109 battalion for 4 years. During this time he conducted an operational tour to Northern Ireland and numerous deployments to the British Army's principal maneuver training area in Suffield Canada at both the gun-end and as a forward observer. In 1986 he was posted to the 5th Airborne Brigade for 3 years as a forward observer with the light gun battalion prior to a 2 year appointment as an instructor at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to train undergraduate officers. In 1992 he spent 2 years at the Army Staff College completing one year's technical training at the Royal Military College of Science and a second general staff training. After graduation from Staff College he was posted to Hong Kong to run joint operations, which included anti-smuggling and -illegal immigration operations and the production of the plan for the final withdrawal of British forces from the Colony. In 1996 he was posted to a Rapier air defense battery as the commander during which time he completed another tour of Northern Ireland. In 1998 he assumed the appointment of SO1 Chief G3 Operations in the UK's Rapid Reaction Corps HQ based in Germany and in February 1999 deployed with the HQ (as HQ Kosovo Force) to Macedonia and subsequently to Kosovo for a period of 9 months. In November 2000 he took command of his battalion equipped with the ADA High Velocity Missile system and during his 2 years deployed the battalion on civil emergency relief tasks (flooding, foot and mouth and firefighting) and trained and deployed elements for operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and a UN tour to the Green Line in Cyprus. After command he was posted to the British Army's doctrine and concept development centre prior to attending the Royal College of Defense Studies in London during 2006. His interests include cricket, running, game shooting, skiing and military history. He is married to Caroline and has a son aged 12 and two daughters aged 14 and 8.